15.02 hrs.

The Lok Sabha re-assembled after Lunch at two minutes

past Fifteen of the Clock.

(Mr. Deputy-Speaker in the Chair)

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : Now, we will take up item number 10 of the List of Business, namely, Matters Under Rule 377.

Title: Need to set up a gas-cracker unit at Lepetkata in Assam as incorporated in the Assam Accord of 1985.

SHRI ANWAR HUSSAIN (DHUBRI) : The matter of setting up a gas-cracker unit in Upper Assam was incorporated in the Assam Accord, signed at the initiative of late Prime Minister Shri Rajiv Gandhi in 1985. Accordingly in 1995 Shri P.V. Narasimha Rao, the then Prime Minister of India laid the foundation stone of the project. But the subsequent Governments did not pay attention at all to this issue during the last six years.

I request, the Union Government to set up a gas-cracker unit at Lepetkata for implementing the Assam Accord with a view to solving the problem of unemployment as well as ushering in industrial development in Assam.